



KDES students (from left) Angela Weldon, Nancy Eisner, Katinka Escalera, and Daniel Jones perform "I Have a Dream" Jan. 18 at the National Park Service's Martin Luther King Jr. Day ceremony at the Lincoln Memorial. At MSSD, faculty, staff, and students signed a permanent display for the school and pledge cards to be sent to the Federal Holiday Commission supporting Dr. King's ideals—peace, love, and understanding.

FCC requests input on proposed closed caption display standards

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is requesting public comment by Feb. 15 on proposed standards for displaying closed captions on television screens. Once adopted, the standards will be the guidelines to implement the Television Decoder Circuitry Act of 1990.

The law requires built-in closed caption decoder circuitry for all new televisions with 13-inch screens or larger sold in the United States by July 1, 1993. A task force made up of television set manufacturers and major captioning agencies developed proposed display standards after two months of negotiations.

The standards proposed by the task force would provide most of the same closed captioning features that are currently seen, plus new features that would improve closed captioning. However, the proposed standard would make some features optional that were required in earlier Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) specifications, such as lower cased characters, color characters, and dual channel captioning.

The new proposed features would allow the display of captions anywhere on a television screen and would provide new instructions to make closed caption transmissions more efficient. The changed features in the new standards are as follows:

- Prior to Jan. 1, 1996, decoders need not display upper and lower case characters. After that date, they are required.
- Italics, or optionally inverse video—black on a white background—

is required.

- Color captions and black background are optional.
- Text mode, an extra display occasionally used for program or bulletin board information, is not required.

The National Captioning Institute (NCI) was the only member organization that refused to sign the proposal. Don Thiene, executive director of public relations for NCI, said that the proposal did not meet the requirements of the Decoder Circuitry Act, which became law last Oct. 15. The law is based on the PBS specifications of 1980 and the NCI specifications of 1985, he said.

However, Jeff Hutchins, chief executive officer of CaptionAmerica of Pittsburgh, Pa., and a task force member, said that the proposed standards "will serve consumers very, very well," and that they are "an improvement over what we have today."

"Do I think they are the best possible standards? No," Hutchins admitted. But he added, "I believe they are the best we were likely to get within the framework of cooperation of all parties. The consumer will not be served if we break down in negotiations." He said optional features are also being defined.

Hutchins conjectured that NCI's objection to the proposed standards lies in the fact that they are not in line with the functions of a decoder chip that ITT is developing for NCI at a cost of \$1 million.

The FCC has until April 12 to have regulations in place to implement the law.

Fear for safety of family in war touches Gallaudet community

When Agnes and Ronald Sutcliffe arrived home from their jobs at Gallaudet Jan. 16 and tuned in the evening news, their worst fears were realized: The nation was at war, and the life of their son Dale, a U.S. Marine Corps corporal stationed in the Persian Gulf, was in danger.

Since Operation Desert Shield escalated to Desert Storm, perhaps no Americans are affected more deeply by the war than those with family members in the military.

Many people in the Gallaudet community are among those who have family members either directly involved in the war now or who expect to be sent to the Persian Gulf very soon. On the day after war was declared, several expressed their fears and hopes to *On the Green* staff.

"I'm a mess. I started crying as soon as I heard the news and I haven't stopped yet," said Midge McNamara, a secretary in the School of Management, whose son Kenny is in the Navy Reserves awaiting orders to be sent to the Middle East. "But I agree with President Bush, I definitely do," she said.

McNamara's co-worker, Cheryl Hebner, sympathized with her. "You listen to the TV and roll over in bed; you're afraid to sleep because you may miss a word," said Hebner, who has a brother in the Navy and a brother-in-law in the Army stationed in the Middle East, and three brothers-in-law who are expecting to be called on to serve in the conflict.

Hebner said she and her husband were both raised in career military families, but being prepared is not enough for them to face alone the

emotionally draining knowledge that a family member is in danger. "All of the family keeps them in our prayers, and we look to the Lord to guide our president and our military officers to victory," she said.

"We were shocked that the war had started so soon" after the end of the United Nations' Jan. 15 deadline, said Agnes Sutcliffe. "We don't agree [that war is necessary] but we understand the situation," she said.

Although the first night of war was a sleepless one, Sutcliffe said, "We are fine now. We have the feeling that there will be peace soon, but how soon?"

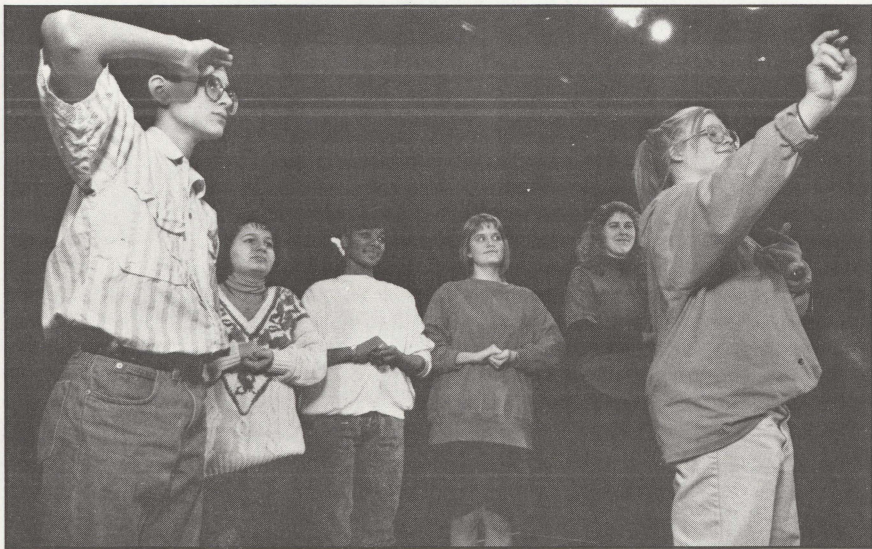
Donna Butler, a payroll clerk in the Accounting Department, admitted that her mind was not on her job as the United States entered its second day at war. Her brother, Nathan James, is an Army infantryman at the front lines of the ground forces, and her sister Yvette is in the Army Reserves. "I'm afraid they may not come home," said Butler. But she feels that Bush's decision to bring the United States into war is "the right thing to do. Somebody has to stop him [Saddam Hussein]."

Mary Wells, a secretary in the University Center whose brother Carl is a sergeant in an Army medical unit serving in Desert Storm, is facing the possibility that he may die. "I guess you can say I'm a realist—death is as much a part of living as birth is," said Wells. "It sounds cold, I guess, but that's the way I am. It doesn't mean I don't hurt when I lose a family member. I guess it's just a way of preparing myself," said Wells.

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Warren Burger, former U.S. Supreme Court Justice and chairman of the Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution, signs an agreement with Gallaudet President I. King Jordan Jan. 18 for the University to oversee a national oratorical contest for deaf youth ages 13-19 on what constitutional amendments mean to them personally. The final contest will be held in Washington, D.C., on June 22.



MSSD's cabaret cast rehearses "Sentimental Journey," a return to the 1930s and '40s "Big Band" era through songs, music, film, and a look at Gallaudet at the time. The show will be Feb. 7, 8, and 9 at 8 p.m. in "Ole Jim." For more information, call x5466.

Reality of Gulf war hits campus

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For Jackie Mann, coordinator of Extension and Summer Programs, the reality of war, and the possibility that her son Erik, 19, may be sent from his Georgia Army base to the Middle East, had not yet sunk in.

"I think I may still be in shock," said Mann. "I sat watching TV Wednesday and Thursday night and I kept asking my other son, 'Has it really started?' It just doesn't seem possible." Her son will not finish his advance training until May, so Mann has hopes that the war will be over by then, but in the back of her mind she confesses to a gnawing fear of receiving his call saying, "Mom, I ship out tomorrow."

Kay Kent, an assistant teacher in the Child Development Center, said she had been "on pins and needles" since she learned that her sister Jackie DiGiovanni, an Army first lieutenant, will see military action in the event of a ground attack. But she said, "I feel confident because our air attacks have been so successful."

For at least two Gallaudet employees, the war hits even closer to home.

Jay Olexa, director of Student Health Service and a captain in the Air Force's inactive reserve force, has been ordered to report to Andrews Air Force

Base in Camp Springs, Md., for a physical and to get his paperwork in order, in the event that more reserve troops may be called.

Olexa said he supports the United States' involvement in the war "with reservations." He added, "If I'm asked to go fight, yes, I will."

Charles Jones, manager of patrol services in the Department of Safety and Security, retired as a platoon sergeant after serving in the Army for 21 years. But Army regulations require that retirees be subject to recall to active duty until they reach age 60, and Jones has received orders to report to Fort Monmouth, N.J., if a national mobilization of forces is necessary.

Jones, who has a nephew and a niece in the Army stationed in the Middle East, said, "If they call me, I go. It's that simple. I have no ill emotions about going back." Jones added, "You always have concerns about war, but certainly something had to be done."

Services offered to cope with war

To help the Gallaudet community better understand Operation Desert Storm and to cope with the multitude of emotions that affect people when a major war breaks out, the Office of the Provost has announced that related informational activities and counseling services will be provided at all levels of the University.

At KDES, a mental health team will see students who have relatives or friends in the war or who express great fear in regard to the Middle East crisis. Additionally, a map of the Persian Gulf will be posted in the front lobby of the school that will have up-to-date information about developments in the region.

At MSSD, assemblies will be called to keep students, faculty, and staff informed and give them an opportunity to express their feelings about the conflict.

At both the University and Pre-College levels, lectures and discussions pertaining to the war will be held at various locations on Kendall Green and the Northwest Campus. These forums will be posted daily through the University's cable television station, the VAX computer system, and flyers at the information desk in Ely Center.

Announcements

On Friday, March 1, the first day of Spring Break, the Gallaudet Library will be open from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. The library will close on March 2 and 3, reopen March 4 with 8 a.m.-6 p.m. hours through March 8, and on March 9 resume its regular schedule: Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m.-midnight, Friday, 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m.-10 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m.-midnight.

The Gallaudet Library announces new procedures for making photocopies. The photocopy machines now accept copy cards instead of coins for payment. Cards are sold in \$1, \$5, \$10, and \$20 denominations from a vending machine behind the central desk. The cost of copies will remain at 10 cents. Microform printers will continue to accept dimes only.

The Child Development Center will hold a meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 29, from 1-2 p.m. in the Ely Center Multipurpose Room for parents whose children are going into kindergarten next year and who want to know what qualities to look for in deciding on a program.

A bake sale to raise funds to buy equipment for the Child Development Center will be held Wednesday, Feb. 13, in Ely Center beginning at 8:30 a.m.

OTG changes

Beginning with this issue, Todd Byrd, former assistant editor of *On the Green*, is now the editor of that publication. Former editor Vickie Walter is manager of Editorial Services in the Department of Publications and Production and editor of *Gallaudet Today*. Nancy Moore, former manager of Editorial Services, has left Gallaudet to establish a private practice in therapeutic massage and editing. People who wish to contact *On the Green* should call Byrd at x5671 or E-mail TTBYRD.

Three students' deaths reported

Three Gallaudet students died around the time of the University's Winter Break, according to news releases from the President's and Provost's Offices.

Roylena Sanchis, a junior from Deerfield, Ill., was pronounced dead on arrival Dec. 13 at the Washington Hospital Center, where she was taken after she had fallen from a sixth floor window at Carlin Hall.

Robyn Jackson, a sophomore from Clark's Summit, Penn., died Jan. 4 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Michael Vigilante, a freshman from Rosedale, N.Y., died of natural causes Jan. 6.

Plans for memorial services for the students are being discussed by the Office of Student Affairs. For more information, contact Norma Buemi, coordinator of paraprofessional and orientation programs, x5155.

Theatreworks' production of "Are You Ready My Sister?", a play about Harriet Tubman's efforts to lead fugitive slaves to freedom via the Underground Railroad, will be presented with sign interpretation Thursday and Friday, Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, at 10 a.m. and noon, and Saturday, Feb. 2, at 11 a.m. at The Publick Playhouse of Hyattsville, Md. For reservations and further information, call (301) 277-1710 (VTDD).

Classified Ads

CLASSIFIED ADS are printed free as a service to Gallaudet faculty and staff. They must be submitted in writing only to *On the Green*, MSSD, Room G-37, or E-mail LMMCCONNELL. Off-campus phone numbers must include an area code and whether the number is voice or TDD. Ads may be run for a maximum of two weeks, if requested and if space permits. Ads received Jan. 28-Feb. 1 will appear in the Feb. 11 issue.

FOR SALE: Olympic-style weights, new, 14 plates totaling 165 lbs., \$50/BO; 19-in. 10-speed bike, grey Ross Enhancer, good cond., \$75/BO. Call Lauri Rush, x5260, or E-mail LLRUSH.

WANTED: Housemate to rent large room w/private bath and entrance in nice house on quiet street 3 blocks from Wheaton Metro and shopping, \$425/mo. inc. amenities. Call Jeff, (202) 663-4686 (VTDD) days, or (301) 946-5952 (VTDD) eves.

FOR SALE: Mac Plus computer, 1.5 yrs. old, looks new, very clean, 2.5 RAM, 35 MB hard drive, system saver cooling fan, computer and keyboard cover, carrying bag for everything, and more, \$850. Call Paul, (301) 890-3807 (TDD) after 6 p.m.

FOR SALE: King-size bed linens, 3 sets, \$30/all. Call Sandi, (301) 731-8780 (TDD) eves., E-mail SLATUONAH, or see Pat Atunah, HMB, Room 309A.

FOR SALE: 1990 Trek 7000 aluminum-frame mountain bike, still new, \$600/BO; Nordica ski boots, size 8-9, seldom used, \$75/BO. Call x5288 (TDD) days, (301) 459-5019 (TDD) eves., or E-mail MIBAER.

WANTED: Male/female to share apt. in Woodland Landing in Lanham, Md., (near Greenbelt) w/2 other roommates, own BR, W/D, DW, avail. now, \$261/mo. inc. util. Call x5485, or (301) 794-5846 (TDD) eves.

WANTED: Male/female to rent unfurnished BR in split foyer house in Clinton, Md., w/3 other roommates, 4 BRs, 3 baths, family room, W/D, DW, fireplace, must have own transportation, no pets, avail. now, \$300/mo. plus ¼ util., cable TV, and phone. Call Laura, x5115, or (301) 868-7834 (TDD), leave message.

FOR RENT: Renovated 1-BR apt. in Capital Heights, Md., w/subsidized rent to person who is disabled, displaced, or elderly, or to a family, must qualify by income level. Call (301) 336-5270 (V).

Job Openings

Some of the advertised positions may already be filled. The list below includes only new staff and faculty openings and does not represent all jobs available. To get a recorded message describing the complete list, call x5358 or x5359 (TDD). **PLACEMENT COUNSELOR I:** Career Center **REGISTERED NURSE II:** Student Health Services

WRITER: Publications and Production **REGISTRATION/RECORDS ASSISTANT:** Records Management

PUBLIC RELATIONS ASSOCIATE-WRITER: Public Relations

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